

Woods Family Records.

1887 & 1888.

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Westfield, N.Y., Dec 8, 1887

To the Post Master, Southboro, Worcester Co. Mass.,  
Dr Sir,

About 30 or 40 years ago  
there were two Brothers of name of John Wood  
and Moses Wood living in your town. John had  
a family (as I understand) of several children  
to wit - David, Samburg, Elliott & two daughters.  
John & his sons David & Moses came to this County  
of Chautauque & resided here for many years -  
I have been told that Samburg lived & died in your  
town & that Elliott went to Fitchburg & died there.  
Can you tell me, if Samburg, Elliott or either of  
the daughters were married & left any heirs, and  
if any of them are still living, there is a large  
estate here that they would be heirs to. I think you  
may find old inhabitants that will be able to tell  
you. I am sorry to trouble you, but hope you will do  
me the favor to get information & reply. I enclose \$1.00  
to pay postage. I am Yr Svc

J. J. Constock.

Westfield, N.Y.



Edw. Whiting, wife Med. Spencer  
STOUT, SPENCER & CO. Mass

Lambert Chelam W

Chas. A. T. Spencer, Sub-Library

Lambert

David Spencer

David in. Spence

David Woods born to

John May 23 - 1760

David Nov 4 1785

Moses July 20 1790

John Woods born to

Lambert Nov 13 1808

Clara Apr 13 1806

Elisha Oct 26 1810

David June 9 1814

Moses July 31 1817

David born to

Charles Henry Sept 5 - 1825

Harriet Augusta July 9. 1827

Harriet-Sanger Jun 26 1830

Elisha born daughter Lucy Ann



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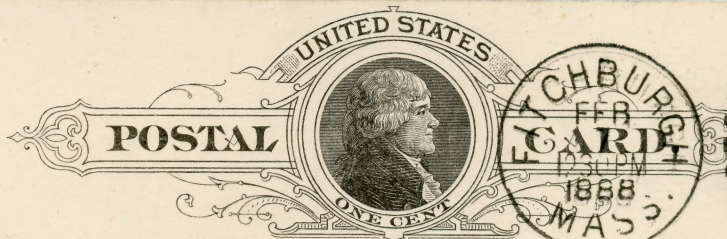
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Westfield, N.Y. Dec 20. 1887

Mr H. A. McMaster

My Sir. Yours of the 16<sup>th</sup> is received & I thank you very much for your kindness & for the very nice & plain news that you have sent me. I have written to Mr Charles Arthur Woods. Explaining the interest he has in the Estate of his Uncle David, who died here last Summer. a brother of David - Moses lives in Minnesota. he is an old man & his mind is not very sound. he claims that he is the only heir & is getting control of the money. he has bad advisers & I think they will get a good share of his money. Before they get through, the interest of the other heirs want attending to & I have asked Charles A. Woods to give a power of attorney - my wife was a Cousin of David Woods. but in no way interested in a pecuniary sense. but she want every one to have all that belongs to them. I trust you will get pay for your trouble.

I am for A. A. Bonserock.



NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS TO BE ON THIS SIDE.

Henry A. Mc Master.  
Town Clerk.  
Southboro. Mass.

FITCHBURG.

FEB 7 1888

Dear Sir.

Postal note received O.K.  
Accept thanks for promptness.

Yours Truly.

Walter A. Davis  
City Clerk



I Charles Arthur Woods, a resident  
of the town of Southborough, County  
of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts,  
depose and say, that I am  
the son of Lambert Woods who  
was found dead on Jan. 27. 1840,  
according to the records of this town,  
that I have one brother, Lambert  
Lyonsander Woods now living in  
Massachusetts ~~that~~ we are  
the only children <sup>of said Lambert Woods,</sup> now living,  
one of my sisters <sup>^ Sarah Jane Southton</sup> died in infancy  
the other died in ~~infancy~~ <sup>childhood</sup> on —  
leaving one child, a son, now  
living in Edwin A. Daniels in  
Somerville

Tested and sworn in before Apr.  
24 - 1884.

TOWN CLERK, FRAMINGHAM.

Feb 6 1888

Henry A. McMarble Esq

Dear Sir

Enclosed

you will find a Copy from  
the Records of Deaths, I  
cannot say that she died  
without issue, although I  
do not find any record of  
births, perhaps I might  
if I knew her husband's  
name.

No charge

Yours

Frank E. Hemenway  
Town Clerk



Francis Ann Woods  
died 1883. -

Edwin A. Daniels  
born Feb 11 - 1854.

Wm. J. & Son

Southon, Mass  
Jan 14/88.





W. H. HARRIES,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.

*Review sent  
mch. 23/87.*

Caledonia, Minn.,

Feb 14 1888

Henry A. McMaster

Southboro - Mass -

Dear Sir:

Your letter, with affidavits &c.

received - We should have some proof  
that Clarissa Woods (Morse) is the  
identical person born to John

Relief his wife called Clara April 13<sup>th</sup> 1806  
& that she had died without leaving any

issue. Confidently I wish  
also to say to you that it would  
probably be best for Charles  
Wether to at once revoke the  
power of atty given to A. A. Comstock  
& give ~~the~~ A. to A. B. Ataway Esq.  
an atty. at Law at Westfield N. Y.

I enclose for a letter written  
to James A. Brien of this place last  
November in relation to this man



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Comstock - They made us  
considerable trouble at that  
time - before we got hold of the  
estate - Now I want you to  
return this letter enclosed to me -  
and no copy must be made - in this  
I trust you, & if you cannot comply  
with my request return all here  
sent you, & will say nothing further  
about the matter. I do not care  
to involve Mr. Ataway in any controversy  
without his consent. I live here in  
Minn. & he is in N.Y. but I judge  
Comstock from certain things he  
attempted to do - & what is said of  
him -

Yours Respy,  
W H Harries





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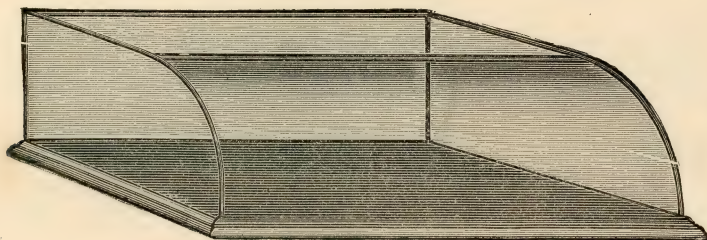
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three feet long, two feet wide, twelve inches high, oval front, double thick French glass, worth \$12.50. We guarantee the case to be first-class in every particular, and the reputation of Soaps made by KIRK & Co. is sufficient guarantee for quality.

At the regular retail prices, this assortment will bring you \$21.05, leaving a profit of \$6.05, and the Show Case free. The following is the assortment, which are all first-class milled goods.

6 dozen	Mikado, No. 160	.	.	.	.	.	.	Retails at 5 cents per Cake,	\$3.60
6	"	Crown Castile	.	.	.	.	.	" 5 "	3.60
2	"	Assorted Glen Honey Line, four kinds,	.	.	.	.	.	" 25 " per box, 3 Cakes,	2.00
1	"	Owosso, No. 111	.	.	.	.	.	" 10 " per Cake,	1.20
3	"	Flake White, No. 161	.	.	.	.	.	" 10 "	3.60
1	"	Shaving, No. 143	.	.	.	.	.	" 10 "	1.20
$\frac{1}{2}$	"	Turtle Oil, No. 84	.	.	.	.	.	" 15 "	.90
1	"	Jersey Lily, No. 102	.	.	.	.	.	" 15 "	1.80
$\frac{1}{4}$	"	Manilla, No. 115	.	.	.	.	.	" 15 "	.45
$\frac{1}{4}$	"	Tar Oil and Glycerine, No. 147	.	.	.	.	.	" 20 "	.60
$\frac{1}{4}$	"	Commonwealth, No. 101	.	.	.	.	.	" 20 "	.60
$\frac{1}{4}$	"	Caledonia, No. 139	.	.	.	.	.	" 25 "	.75
$\frac{1}{4}$	"	Juvenile, No. 114	.	.	.	.	.	" 25 "	.75

21 $\frac{3}{4}$  dozen.

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N. B. — Box for packing Show Case, 50 cents extra.

**Mark A. Torrey & Co.,**

6 INDIA STREET, BOSTON,

AND

107 READE STREET, NEW YORK.



City of Fitchburg,  
Massachusetts.

City Clerk's Office, Feb'y 3.<sup>d</sup> 1888

Henry A. M<sup>c</sup>Master.  
Town Clerk.

Southboro. Mass.

Dear Sir.

I enclose a certified copy of the death of Elliott Wood, sworn to before Harrison Bailey, Notary Public. I also enclose the address of his only living child. - Mrs. Lucy A. B. Jeffery. The Notary Public charge for giving me the oath is \$1.00 - I make no charge of my own work. -

Trusting this will be satisfactory  
I remain

Yours Fraternally,  
Walter A. Davis,  
City Clerk.

Ans. Feb. 4-88

Expense 1.25



Ans. Jan 28/88.  
Births John Woods children  
" Lambert "  
Deaths " "

# THE BAPTIST MOUNTAINEER,

L. L. WOOD, Editor and Publisher.

A FAMILY RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

THE DENOMINATIONAL ORGAN FOR UTAH, IDAHO, AND MONTANA.

MISSOULA, MONTANA, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 1888

Mr. McMaster,

Dear Sir:—

Please send me, over your own hand and official seal, a certified copy of the family records of my father, the late Lambert Woods, from the Southboro, Town records, to use for purposes of legal identification, as son and heir of the said Woods. I would like the copy to include my grand father's as well as my father's family.

I thank you for your prompt reply to my letter of inquiring of the 24<sup>th</sup> Ult. I have since traced out my family lines more thoroughly than before and concerning which I confess a culpable ignorance.

I was aware that "Woods" was our patronymic but mother called her name Wood to easily distinguish us from the Woods of another line — not relatives — who resided in the South part of the town and I have always and thoroughly repudiated the "s" on our name until now.

Please send copy and charges for the same at your earliest convenience and greatly oblige  
Very truly yours L. L. Woods.



minnied Apr. 5. 1830  
Lumber Woods and Arguing Hunt both of Southborough  
intended their friends of marriage March 10th 1830

Sub 9/88.

Ans.

Aug 17

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Henry A Mc Master

Dear Sir:

Enclosed I send you  
P. Note for 4.95 use this in getting  
affidavits in the matter of the estate  
of David Woods deceased.

Moses Woods, brother of the deceased  
resides here in this County. of Houghton Minn  
1<sup>st</sup> I want your own affidavit  
showing what the records of your  
town shows as to the children born  
to John Woods.

2<sup>d</sup> The affidavit of some one  
showing that Clara died in Framingham  
Mass. & that she died without issue  
if that is the fact

3<sup>d</sup> Charles A Wood should  
make proof of his father's Lambert's  
death & give names & residence  
of the children of Lambert.

He is interested in that. as the



Children of Lambert would be entitled  
to the share of David's estate, that  
their father would be if living.  
Get affidavit of some one  
as to Elliott's death, and as to  
whether he left any issue living.  
David died unmarried —  
Moses is the only brother now  
living. When you need some  
more money let me know.  
When you have got these affidavits  
send them to me for filing in  
Surrogate Court in Chautauque  
N.Y. Attend to these matters as  
soon as practicable.  
Yours truly,  
W. H. Harries

Clown number

Morse, in



State of Massachusetts - County of Worcester - Town of Southborough.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Born to Lambert Wood and Abigail his wife a daughter  
named Frances Ann Augusta Wood on March<sup>th</sup> 10 1831
- 2<sup>d</sup> Born to Lambert Wood and Abigail his wife a daughter  
named Sarah Jane Wood on July<sup>th</sup> 31 1834.
- 3<sup>d</sup> Born to Lambert Woods and Abigail his wife a son  
named Charles Arthur Woods on December<sup>th</sup> 2 day 1835
- 4<sup>th</sup> Born to the M<sup>rs</sup> Abigail Wood wife of Lambert Wood deceased  
a son named Lambert Lyander Wood June 20 1840.

I certify that the above is a true copy  
from the records of the Town of Southborough  
aforesaid

Henry A. McMaster  
Town Clerk

Southborough Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 1888.

I Henry A. McMaster above named, depose and  
say that I hold the office of Town Clerk, in the  
Town, County and State aforesaid, and that the above  
is a true copy from the records of said town.  
Henry A. McMaster.

W. H. HARRIES,  
Attorney at Law.  
CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA.

Jan 2 1888

Henry A Mc Masters  
Town Clerk of the  
Town of Southboro Mass.  
Dear Sir:

Can you get me the affidavit  
of one of your old citizens showing when  
became of Clara, Elliott & Lambert  
Woods, who were children of John Woods.  
I will send your fee. when advised  
of the amount -

Yours Respectfully  
W H Harries

Mrs. J. M. 6/88



Fitchburg, Mass, Dec. 29, 1887.

To the <sup>30/87</sup> Town Clerk of Southboro;  
Dear Sir;

If you have a record of the family of John Wood of Southboro, about the year 1811, I would like an attested copy of the birth of all of his children. I want this to use in the state of New York and shall want the names & dates of birth of his several children certified & attested by you as a copy of the record of the town of Southboro. Upon receipt of the same <sup>with your fees</sup> I will forward to you a postal order <sup>in check</sup> for your fees.

Respectfully Yours,

R. B. Merriam,  
Atty.

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Mr. McMaster

Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of a letter from my brother's wife - Mrs Chas A Wood, of Payville - concerning Mr Comstock's communication to you, about the Southbros' relatives of Moses Wood, of Westfield N.Y.

I have written Mr. Comstock all I know of the four persons, which I understand, from sister's letter, he inquired about, viz David, Elliot, Clarissa and Lambert Wood.

I have also asked him to give me all the essential facts in his possession and offered to employ responsible legal counsel there, should the circumstances warrant it or require identification of the descendants of the parties above named. I am in a way to communicate with old and well known residents of Westfield should circumstances require it or when I have sufficient data for an intelligent inquiry. Sister's letter contained but few facts - nothing definite - probably all she could glean but enough to awaken my interest. I therefore write to inquire of you what you know concerning, the deceased, his heirs,



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his property, etc.?

Of the four above named Woods, David Wood, was, as I understand it, my father's uncle; he died long before the War; his widow, afterwards Mrs. Mallard died years ago; his oldest son (Charles) died in the War and his widow was living in Framingham, the last I knew of her, years ago. David's youngest son (Hamlet) was living with his wife and family in Southboro' the last I knew of him, which, I believe, was before the War.

Elliot Wood was my father's brother who lived many years in Fitchburg, Mass. and died there, during the War. He had one child, a daughter, (Lucy A.) who married, became a widow, married again to a man who then went by the name of Jeffries, when I knew her, last, she was living with her family and widowed mother in Boston. The widowed mother afterwards died and I have lost track of the family for years.

Clarissa Wood was our "Aunt Clara" who lived single for many years, in Ashland, then married and lived with a Mr. Townsend in the same town, survived him and married a man whose name I'm now forgotten. They lived in Framingham, she sur-



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lived him and died in Frammingham, a few years, since. She left no children.

Lambert Wood was my father who died by accident forty seven years ago, some four months before my birth. My mother died his widow in 79 and in our native town of Southboro'. Father left three children, (Francis A.) my sister, who died in Boston a few years since and who left one child, a son, now living in Somerville Mass.; my brother Arthur (C.A.), whom you know, and myself.

I give this information in case you should be called for any of the family's genealogy, from the Town Records and for correction or further information should it be necessary concerning David Wood's family.

I remember of mother's often speaking, in our childhood days, of an uncle - a brother of father's I think - who went to Lake Erie and who had never been heard from or not for many years. I was of the impression that he left Southboro before I was born, that his name was Moses and that he was a somewhat eccentric man. My mother also had a brother, Charles Hunt, I think, who went West, I believe, before my birth, and had never



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been heard from and it was a frequent remark, in my childhood days, that we might some time hear from our western relatives.

I left Southboro' when a lad and have but a meager family record at best.

I understand that brother interviewed Deacon Peter Fay. I am surprised and gratified to learn that he is yet alive, for he was advanced in life, in my boyhood days, but a well remembered and prominent citizen of the town. A niece of his, a Mrs. Minor, who was a frequent member of my congregation, when I was a pastor in Boston, surprised me years ago, in telling me of her hale and vigorous uncle. He is doubtless far better posted in my Southboro' ancestry than I am.

Sister also spoke of some parties from western New York - so I understand it - who recently searched the Southboro' Town records, claiming to be heirs of Moses Wood. can you inform me concerning them and their purpose?

There is a matter that disturbs me a little, in this connection, should our identity ever become

(over)



a matter of litigation, and that is an inaccurate date of father's death, on his monument, in the Southboro' cemetery. After mother's death and just before I came to the for West I erected a monument for our parents and, by some blunder, the date of father's death was wrong, which would also affect the date of my birth. I had neither the time nor money to attend to it then and so it has remained neglected till the present. I give these facts in case there might be any question of identity arising in the future. I fear I have trespassed on your time but hoping to hear from you soon,

I am,

Yours very truly,  
Lambert L. Wood.

Given on 9 Decr + Decr 1785 from mch 4-1785